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SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGY CO-OPERATION
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Scientists have appealed the U.S. President on his visit to India to withdraw the sanctions imposed on 149 science institutes and entrepreneurs;

(b) if so, the decision conveyed by U.S.A. in this regard;

(c) whether any forum has been constituted to strengthen the scientific and technical know-how between U.S.A. and India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) and (b) The Government is not aware of any suchappeal to the U.S. President by Indian scientists. However, the two sides utilised the visit to discuss all matters of mutual interest including co-operation in Science and Technology.

(c)and (d) Yes sir. An agreement on the Indo-US Science and Technology Forum was signed on March 21,2000 in New Delhi. The main objectives of the Forum are : 1) to facilitate and promote Indo-US interaction of governments, academia and industry in Science and Technology and other related areas. 2) to focus on issues of common concern and activities of mutual benefit while exploring trends in science and technology. 3) to promote research and development, the transfer of technology and creation of a comprehensive electronic reference source for Indo-US Science and Technology Cooperation. 4) to promote an active electronic exchange of ideas and opportunities in Indo-US Science and Technology Cooperation.